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Pamela Allen Kinder, MS, MA
Director of Outpatient Health Services
United Community & Family Services, Inc.
47 Town Street
Norwich, CT 06360

Re: Certificate of Need Determination Report Number: 05-30643-EXM
United Community & Family Services, Inc.
Proposal to Establish Geriatric Assessment and Management Program in New
London

Dear Ms. Kinder:

On November 23, 2005, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your request for a Certificate of Need ("CON") determination concerning the establishment of a Geriatric Assessment and Management Program in New London, Connecticut, at an estimated total capital expenditure of \$700.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed the information submitted and makes the following findings:

1. United Community & Family Services, Inc. ("UCFS") is a nonprofit, federally qualified health center located at 400 Bayonet Street in New London.
2. Geriatric Assessment and Management Programs ("GAMP") assist older at-risk people with obtaining expert assessment of their health care needs. A GAMP develops a comprehensive consultative plan of care targeted to meet the identified physical, medical, financial, and /or psychosocial needs of a participant and family members. The GAMP offers: physical examination, functional assessments, psychosocial assessments, individual counseling, entitlement assessments, and health promotion and health education. The goal of the program is to keep the elderly population healthy, safe, and independent in their own homes.

3. The program will be provided by primary care physician.
4. UCFS currently provides a GAMP at its location in Norwich.
5. UCFS is proposing to establish a GAMP in New London at its 400 Bayonet Street location.
6. The proposed capital expenditure for the project is \$700.
7. The start date for the GAMP in New London is January 2006.
8. UCFS is current licensed as a Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic for Adults and as a Facility for the Care or Treatment of Substance Abusive or Dependent Persons at the 400 Bayonet Street location.

Based on the above findings, OHCA has determined that the proposed project meets the requirements of Section 19a-639(d) of the Connecticut General Statutes and is, therefore, exempt from OHCA's Certificate of Need process.

Thank you for providing information to OHCA regarding this proposal. If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Laurie K. Greci, Associate Research Analyst, Certification, Financial Analysis, and Forecasting, at (860) 418-7001.

Sincerely,

Signed by Cristine A. Vogel
Commissioner

C: Sandra Bauer, Health Processing Technician, DPH, DCBR

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